



CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AGENT COST SHARE PROGRAM

In the interest of assisting landowners, subdivisions, and cooperating landowner groups with the cost of purchasing herbicides and/or biological control agents to control noxious weeds, the Gallatin County Weed Control District is offering a Cost Share Program in which (50%) of the chemical and/or biological control agent and/or grazing cost will be shared by the Weed Control District. The terms and conditions of this program are as follows:

1. The Cost Share Program applies only to noxious weeds. See attached list.
2. There is an annual minimum payment limit of \$10.00 and an annual maximum payment limit of \$250.00 per applicant.
3. **An approved application must be on file in the Weed Control Office before treatment and/or releases are made. No applications will be accepted or claim sheets processed if herbicide treatment and/or biological releases and/or grazing treatment have been made without prior written approval by the Weed District.**
4. The program only covers the cost of the herbicide, surfactant, and/or the biological control agent and/or grazing treatment. It does not cover the use of soil sterilants, or non-selective herbicides such as Roundup, chemical additives, equipment rentals, contracted application costs, rearing costs, etc. Grazing treatment is restricted to the use of sheep or goats that target noxious weeds.

Processing procedures

1. First, complete an application and return it to the Weed Control Office for approval by the Weed Board or authorized Representative. Return the application at least 10 working days prior to expected date of treatment or release of bio-control agents.
2. Next, the Weed Board or Representative will review the application. **Approval of the application is required prior to herbicide treatment and/or release of bio-control agents.** Approval is dependent upon the level of funding in the budget, type and size of noxious weed infestation, and projected cost of the herbicide and/or bio-control agent(s). The Weed District will notify the participant if the application is approved. **NOTE:** In questionable areas or situations an inspection of the site by the Weed Board or Representative may be required before the application will be approved.
3. Then, if the application is approved, conduct the herbicide treatment or biological release. In the case of herbicide applications spray your weeds using the proper equipment and safety measures. **Carefully read and follow the herbicide label.** Remember to use proper spraying practices to ensure safety to you and the environment. If using biological control agents, release in the manner prescribed by the supplier. **NOTE:** If misapplication of a chemical, improper release of biological control agents, or poor land husbandry are noted, payment of the cost share claim will be denied. If in the case a chemical misapplication is deemed to be harmful to the environment or surrounding area, the proper regulatory agency will be notified.
READ AND FOLLOW THE CHEMICAL LABEL!
4. Finally, after conducting the herbicide treatment or biological release, submit a cost share claim sheet. Include the original receipt(s) for the herbicides or bio-control agents purchased to control the noxious weeds. The Weed District operates on a fiscal year basis from July 1 to June 30. If the chemicals or bio-control agents were purchased at the start of the field season (i.e., March, April, May, June) then the claim sheets with original receipt(s) **must be received** by the Weed District on or before **June 30th** or the claim sheet cannot be processed for that respective portion of the field season.

NOXIOUS WEEDS IN GALLATIN COUNTY

According to the Montana County Noxious Weed Control Act, a noxious weed is any non-native plant that may render land unfit for agriculture, wildlife, forestry, recreation, and other beneficial uses of the land or that may harm native plant communities. The Gallatin County Weed Control District has prioritized these weeds.

Priority 1 Noxious Weeds are category 3 noxious weeds, and have not yet been detected in the state or may be found only in small, scattered, localized infestations. These weeds are known pests in other states and are capable of rapid spread. Identification of infested sites and immediate eradication is a major goal for this priority of noxious weeds. In this category, the investment in control yields the greatest return.

Noxious Weed	Gallatin County
1. Yellow Starthistle	1 plant
2. Common Crupina	None found yet
3. Flowering rush	No accurate survey
4. Japanese knotweed	None found yet
5. Dyers woad	< 5 acres
6. Eurasian watermilfoil	No accurate survey

Priority 2 Noxious Weeds or category 2 noxious weeds, were recently introduced into the state and are rapidly spreading from their current infestation sites. Locating these weeds, containment, steps taken to reduce the competitiveness of these weeds, and eradication are major goals for the control of these weeds.

Noxious Weed	Gallatin County
1. Rush skeletonweed	None found yet
2. Tansy ragwort	No accurate survey
3. Tamarisk (salt cedar)	None found yet
4. Orange hawkweed	No accurate survey
5. Tall buttercup	No accurate survey
6. Yellowflag iris	None found yet
7. Blueweed	None found yet
8. Meadow hawkweed complex	No accurate survey
9. Perennial pepperweed	< 5 acres
10. Purple loosestrife	< 1 acre

Priority 3 Noxious Weeds are labeled as category 1 noxious weeds and are presently well established and widespread throughout the state. Management of small patches and introduction of biological controls on larger infestations are major goals for the control of these weeds.

Noxious Weed	Gallatin County	Noxious Weed	Gallatin County
11. Canada thistle	6000+ acres	20. Sulfur (Erect) Cinquefoil	100 acres
12. Field bindweed	937 acres	21. Common tansy	1000+ acres
13. Whitetop or Hoary cress	50 acres	22. Houndstongue	No accurate survey
14. Leafy spurge	2500 acres	23. Yellow toadflax	500+ acres
15. Russian Knapweed	20 acres	24. Diffuse Knapweed	10-12 acres
16. Spotted knapweed	2000 acres	25. Hoary alyssum	No accurate survey
17. Dalmatian toadflax	< 5 acres	26. Oxeye daisy	No accurate survey
18. St Johnswort	300 acres		

Priority 4 Watch List. Category 4 plant species are plants that are invasive and may cause significant economic or environmental impacts if allowed to become established in Montana. Research and monitoring for Category 4 plant species may result in future listing as a Category 1, 2, or 3 noxious weed in Montana. Plant species designated as a Category 4 plant are prohibited from sale in or into Montana.

The following are designated as Category 4 noxious weeds:

- (a) Scotch broom

According to the Montana County Noxious Weed Control Act, each county weed district can declare additional non-native plants to be noxious. In addition to the state-declared weed list, the following weeds are declared noxious in Gallatin County. These weeds are primarily placed in this category for right-of-way weed control on federal, state, and county roads as well as targeting for biological control efforts.

Priority 5 County Listed

<u>Noxious Weed</u>	<u>Gallatin County</u>
28. Meadow Knapweed.....	3-4 acres
29. Musk Thistle.....	3000 acres
30. Poison Hemlock.....	No accurate survey
31. Scotch thistle	No accurate survey
32. Field scabious	No accurate survey
33. Scentless chamomile	No accurate survey

**CHEMICAL AND BIO-CONTROL
COST SHARE APPLICATION
(PART I)**

Please completely fill out this application, and return it to the Gallatin County Weed Control Office.

Name of Landowner, Subdivision or Group Representative.

(Last) (First) (M.I.) (Telephone Number)

(Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

(Name and location of subdivision, if applicable)

Description of area(s) to be treated. Please include use of the land such as pasture, subdivision lot, hayfield, lawn, subdivision park, native grassland, etc. Please be specific on the location, and provide a rough sketch of the area in the box provided on the next page. The sketch should include location of noxious weeds to be treated, waterways, sensitive areas, and neighboring land uses. If applicable, please list all of the cooperating participants.

(Continue on next page)

Expected date of application or release: _____

Herbicide(s) or bio-control agent(s) to be used: _____

Target weed(s): _____

Approximate size of area of weed infestation to be treated (sq.ft., acres): _____

Estimated cost of herbicide or bio-control agent(s): _____

(Applicant Signature)

(Weed Board Chairman/Representative)

(Date)

(Date)

Cost Share Application PART I (continued)

(Continued from previous page: Description of area(s) to be treated.)

Sketch area to be treated. Include location of noxious weeds, waterways, sensitive areas, etc.





COST-SHARE CLAIM FOR REIMBURSEMENT (PART II)

Date(s) of treatment or release _____

Was the weed control contracted out or done by yourself? _____

If contracted, name of contractor _____

Herbicide(s)/Biological Agents used.

1. _____ /acre
2. _____ /acre
3. _____ /acre

Approximate area of weed infestation in acres or sq. ft. _____

Total purchase cost of the herbicide/biological agents _____

Where was the herbicide/biological agents purchased? _____

(Last Name) (First Name) (Telephone Number)

(Mailing Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

(Cost Share Applicants Signature) (Date)

PLEASE ATTACH THE ORIGINAL RECEIPT(S) TO THIS CLAIM FORM

For office use: _____ * 50% = _____

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